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## <u>VIA F-FILING</u>

The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown Chief, Section of Administration Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W., Room 100 Washington, DC 20423-0001



## NOTICE OF PARTIAL CONSUMMATION, PARTIAL DISCONTINUANCE AND EXTENSION OF TRAIL USE NEGOTIATION PERIOD FOR A PORTION OF THE LINE

RE: Union Pacific Railroad Company - Abandonment - From Milepost 196.7 near Essex, to Milepost 216.27 near Miner, a distance of 19.57 miles in New Madrid, Scott, and Stoddard Counties, Missouri (Essex to Miner Line); STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 261)

Dear Ms Brown:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request from the City of Sikeston, (the "City"), seeking to extend the negotiation period covering the issuance of a Certificate or Notice of Interim Trail Use pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 for the portion of the Union Pacific's Essex to Miner Line (the "Line") from Milepost 196.7 near Essex, to Milepost 216.27 near Miner, a distance of 19.57 miles in New Madrid, Scott, and Stoddard Counties, Missouri. A copy of the City's request for extension is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof. Union Pacific is only willing to extend the negotiation period for that portion of the Line from Milepost 208 95 near Sikeston to the end of the Line at Milepost 216.27 near Miner for a period of 182 days to March 5, 2012.

Union Pacific hereby consummates the abandonment of that portion of the Line from Milepost 203.0 to Milepost 208.95 near Sikeston. With regard to the remaining western portion of the Line from Milepost 196.7 near Essex to Milepost 203.0 (the "Western Portion of the Line"), Union Pacific has been advised that the Western Portion of the Line may have potential for future industrial development that may require rail service. Therefore, Union Pacific hereby chooses to forego consummation of abandonment of the Western Portion of the Line and treat said Western Portion of the Line as being only discontinued per the Notice of Discontinuance of Service submitted to the Board on January 25, 2010.



Sincerely,

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Attachment

cc: City of Sikeston

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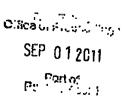
STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 261), Union Pacific R.R. -Abandonment - In New Madrid, Scott, and Stoddard Counties, MO

Dear Ms. Brown:

By decision served June 17, 2009 in the above-referenced proceeding, the Board issued a Certificate of Interim Trail Use ("CITU"). As set forth in the Board's decision served on June 24, 2011, the CITU negotiating period expires on September 5, 2011.

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") and the City of Sikeston, Missouri ("Sikeston") continue to be engaged in negotiations concerning a trail use agreement, but, to date, these negotiations have not led to the completion of a final agreement.

Sikeston respectfully requests that the Board issue an order further extending the CITU negotiating period by an additional 182 days (180 days would result in a Saturday deadline) in order to permit Sikeston and UP to continue their ongoing negotiations. In addition, Sikeston has conferred with UP, and UP concurs with the foregoing request.



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Respectfully submitted,

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